



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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Response Due Date:
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Reference: August Monthly Report (7/1/06-7/31/06)

Dear Ms. Hatton:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-Schedule B discloses an expenditure(s) for "Polling, portion in-kind to Shays. See 1." If the remaining portion(s) of these expenditures were for public communications (as defined by 11 CFR §100.26) and voter drive activity (under 11 CFR §106.6(b)(2)(i)) containing express advocacy as defined under 11 CFR §100.22, this would constitute an in-kind contribution or an independent expenditure and should be properly disclosed on a Schedule B or E supporting Line 23 or 24 as appropriate. Public communications and voter drive activity that refer to a clearly identified Federal candidate, but that do not expressly advocate the election or defeat of that candidate should be reported on Schedule B for Line 21(b) of the Detailed Summary Page. Please clarify whether this activity contained express advocacy and amend your report to properly disclose this activity, if necessary.

-Schedule B of your report discloses an in-kind contribution(s) designated for the general election, but made before the primary election (pertinent portion(s) attached). In-kind contributions of equipment, such as computers, with a long-term useful life (e.g., an election cycle, or perhaps longer) are similar to contributions of money and may be designated for elections beyond the next election, provided the contributor designates the

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